A.—(1) A copy of G.O. No. 377, Revenue, dated 22nd February 1929,[a] which deals with this question, is placed on the Council Table.

(2) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 1450 at the meeting of the 25th February 1929.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"May I know if the matter has been considered after 25th February 1929 ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Which matter, Sir ?"

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"The matter of the necessity for having a separate Collector for Mettur."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"The position as stated in the Government Order remains unchanged."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—"Has the matter not been considered after the issue of the Government Order ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"There has been no change since then."

Land Revenue

Cutting of trees in public punthas and other communal lands.

*1979 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any Government Orders to the effect that trees in public punthas and other communal lands should not be allowed to be cut and used by the zamindars ?

A.—No new orders have been issued to the effect stated. But where it has been the local practice to bring certain trees on such lands to account in the village accounts the Government ordered that the practice should not be discontinued.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether all the footpaths belong to the Government ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I should not like to subscribe to so general a proposition, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know whether the footpaths that were in existence before permanent settlement of these zamindaris come under this category ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"Generally speaking, the answer to questions of that nature is in the affirmative. But I would not say that there would not be circumstances that would call for a different answer."

Proposed transfer of the Stationary Sub-Magistrate's office from Palladam to Tiruppur.

*1980 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to remove the Stationary Sub-Magistrate's office from Palladam to Tiruppur in the Coimbatore district and if so, who has made the proposal and for what reasons ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 1043 infra.

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(*b*) whether any attempt was made to ascertain public opinion on the matter before the proposal was made;

(*c*) whether the Government have any idea of ascertaining public opinion in the matter before coming to a final decision;

(*d*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions passed at a crowded public meeting held at Palladam on the 17th day of February 1929 and attended by people from all parts of the taluk, including the town of Tiruppur; and

(*e*) whether Palladam or Tiruppur is more central for the whole taluk and whether crimes are committed more round Palladam or Tiruppur?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government or the Board of Revenue.

(*d*) The Government have received a copy of the proceedings of a public meeting of the citizens of Palladam taluk held on the 17th February 1929.

(*e*) The Government have not considered the question.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know whether the Collector has not sent a communication on this matter?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"All the information that Government have is that there is no such proposal either with the Board or the Government."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Collector has already considered and dropped the proposal altogether?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I am not aware, Sir."

Loans

Advances under the Land Improvements and Agriculturists Loans Acts.

*1981 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amounts advanced in each year from 1920–21 under Land Improvement Loans Act and under Agriculturists Loans Act;

(*b*) the amounts collected in each such years;

(*c*) the amounts written off, if any;

(*d*) the total amounts due under each of the above Acts;

(*e*) the interest charged; and

(*f*) the funds from which the above amounts are lent?

A.—(*a*) to (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to statements 16 and 17 appended to the annual jamabandi reports which have been published.

(*f*) The advances are being met partly from borrowings from the Government of India (from 1925–26 Provincial Loans Fund) and partly from recoveries under Loans and Advances by the Provincial Government. During the financial years 1921–22